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..... With regard to this, Dr. ERICH, one of Gauleiter BOHLE's chief aides, is quoted by the Deutsches Nachrichten Bureau, the official German news agency as saying: " A decisive step has been taken in strengthening National Socialist leadership among Germans abroad; we may hope that his new arrangement will contribute to a close cooperation between party and state in all fields of our efforts abroad. All Germans abroad know that only through the Foreign Organization and its numerous cells can they maintain a real connection with the events in the Reich. The official of the foreign service must feel himself to be a true National Socialist friend of his countrymen." .....

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Rudolf HESS stated:

"My fellow German Men and Women, German Seamen !

"You stand before me as a section of the great German racial community - the racial community which extends beyond the borders of our Reich; for National Socialism has not only created a national community at home, transcending all classes and groups in a manner previously unknown, but it has also included German compatriots in foreign countries. It has made them conscious and proud members of this national community."

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"Under the leadership of the Foreign Organization, Germandom abroad is also becoming more and more filled with the National Socialist spirit. The Foreign Organization of the NSDAP has brought together the Germans out there who even long after the seizure of power were disunited and split by class differences and joined them with Adolf HITLER's Reich. The care for Germandom abroad in the National Socialist spirit is maintaining an enormous number of Germans for the nation, who otherwise would be absorbed as cultural fertilizer in other nations."

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At the close of his talk, Rudolf HESS recalls the days last year in Stuttgart, when German men and women, German boys and girls in their natives costumes appeared here in Stuttgart, aglow with enthusiasm for the idea of a Greater Germany, passionately moved by National Socialism but nevertheless outwardly "Volksdeutsche", Germans of Foreign citizenship.

"Today", Rudolf HESS continued, "they also stand openly in our ranks. Proudly and happily they will march in the formations of the National Socialist movement past their Fuehrer in Nuernberg - this time as German citizens!

And with all our hearts, we rejoice as we see them, Theyhave fought a long and tough battle, a battle against a treacherous and mendacious enemy. They have successfully fought for the possession of their homeland, and in addition to the affection always shown them by Germany, they have won proud recognition of the entire people."

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The Reich Minister of the Interior

II B 7855/ 4.2. Berlin, 24 February 1933

To the State Governments (Landesregierungen)

Subject: League for Germandom Abroad (Vereinffuer das Deutschtum im Ausland), German School League Inc. (Deutscher Schulverein e.V.).

My ministry in its attention to national tasks has to a special degree exercised protection over and furtherance of Germandom in the border countries and abroad. A large number of institutions concerned with special tasks in this field are being supported as much as possible by means at my disposal. Among all these, the League for Germandom Abroad, the German School League, Inc. Berlin hold an especially favored position.

The maintenance of so many German schools, churches, newspapers of other institutions in the racial settlements of German ancestry in foreign countries is due to its work, carried out for half a century. Whithout the maintenance of these institutions, large German racial groups, especially under the pressure of the post-war period, would have perished as cultural fertilizer for foreign peoples. Unfortunately in past years, a certain reserve among wide circles of the population was noticeable with regard to the propaganda work of the above named National League, and also restrictions by the authorities of its activities have not been lacking. However, it appears to me as an urgent duty of the Reich and the states (Laender), not only to set aside such hindrances, but also to enable the League for Germandom Abroad to unfold the increased propaganda work in all spheres which it desires. Also, the consideration for the want and misery of the time, and for the lack of work and bread within Germany ought not to divert from the fact that the around 30 million Germans in foreign countries (Auslandsdeutsche) outside of the presently contracted borders of the Reich are an integral part of the entire German people, an integral part which the Reich Cabinet (Reichsregierung) is not able to help economically, but whose cultural support through the League primarily concerned with this, the League for Germandom Abroad, it considers [illegible] an obligation to be realized.

I should like accordingly to direct the special attention of the governments of the states (Laender) to the activity of the League for Germandom abroad with the idea that it be accorded privileged treatment. It is primarily the school groups which carry on the propaganda work of the League, in which at the same time the education of the youth to patriotic thinking takes place, an education is above denominational and party differences. I will therefore attach the greatest value to the fact that its school meetings be accorded the greatest freedom of action, and that the students be allowed to wear insignias of the League in the schools. I would expect an effective enlivenment of this work, if the

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supervisors of all the schools, in their annual reports to their superior auhorities about school activities, would be urged to report about the advancement of the League by the school groups of each school.

Last year, in accordance with the particular desire of the Reich President, The "Day of the German School" (Fest der Deutschen Schule), aiming to extend the pan-German consciousness of our youth beyond the borders of the Reich,

was held with great success in the Berlin Stadium. Moreover, the "Day of the German School" (Fest Der Deutschen Schule) shall take place during the current year in Beuthen, Breslau, Erfurt, Duesseldorf, Gera, Gladbeck, Koeslin, Cologne, Munich, Nuernberg, Karlsruhe and Stettin and others. I would welcomeit, if the "Day of the German School" (Fest der Deutschen Schule) could be introduced extensively throughout the Reich, since no projectfis more suited to put all schools, and especially the elementary schools at the service of Germandom in foreign countries, while the national convention of the League for Germandom Abroad (VDA) always affects only groups, especially those from the higher schools I am honored therefore to refer the governments of the states (Laender) especially to the introduction of the "Day of the German School" (Fest der Deutschen Schule), so that the school authorities may be induced to support this event and to facilitate the preparations for the celebrations by special orders, as it has been done in Berlin.

Beside the school work of the League of Germandom Abroad, its general propaganda work among the public has assumed greater significance for the continuation of German national groups abroad in the same measure in which, in view of the financial situation of the Reich and of the states (Laender), the possibility of granting direct subsidies from the budget has become smaller. Last year, with the aproval of the Prussian State Commissioner for the Regulation of Relief Work, a collection took place in all Prussia and, despite the poor economic situation, has had gratifying results in view of the national awakening of the German people, so that the League almost succeeded to compensate for the considerable decrease of its other income. The request of the League to enable it by recommendations to all the governments of the states (Laender) to conduct this state collection on the entire territory of the Reich, is accordingly most cordially seconded

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by me. The success of last year's collection was due to the fact that in Prussia the Oberpraesidenten, Regierungspraesidenten and the Landraete have put themselves at the service of the cause in the most commendable way. I would be grateful, if all the governments of the states (Laender) would now permit and further this state collection im the same manner. I would appreciate an answer approving my preceding remarks and a report of any action already taken.

I have sent a copy to the foreign office.

Signed FRICK.

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Translation of a Copy of Document: 098 - PS (USA - 350)

National Socialist German Labor Party (NSDAP)

The Fuehrer's Deputy — Munich 33.

The Chief of Staff — at present Berlin, 22 February 1940

Reichsleiter Alfred ROSENBERG

Berlin W 35

Margaretenstrasse 17

Subject: Directions for the Administration of Religious Instruction.

Dear Party Member ROSENBERG:

The Fuehrer's Deputy has heard from various sources that Reich Bishop MUELLER tells everywhere that he was given the mission by you to work out directions for the formulation of religious instruction in the schools.

I have not had the opportunity to examine the correctness of these statements of Reich Bishop MUELLER. The question, again coming up for discussion by the statements of Reich Bishop MUELLER, is however in my opinion of such fundamental importance for the future ideological position of the party that I find it necessary to point out already now the serious objections which I have in regard to such a mission.

The Reich Ministry for Education has repeatedly expressed during the past years the desire that new directions for the formulation of religious instruction are worked out which would also be acceptable to the NSDAP.

With your agreement, this request has been refused again and again by the Fuehrer's Deputy. Just as your Ministry did, the Fuehrer's Deputy took the position based on the assumption that it could not be the task of the party to give directions for the instruction of the teachings of the Christian religions. .....

.....Because of this conviction, we have always been careful not to exert a reforming influence in the Christian dogma in any form

or to exert any influence on the directives, established by the Church for religious instruction. In complete mutual agreement, we have rejected the intention of the Reich Minister for Church Affairs who, against the objection of the party, again and again made a new attempt to renew church life in the National Socialist spirit by searching for a compromise between Christian teachings and the ideology of National Socialism.

Should however, anyone personality emanating from the life of the church, be charged now with working out directions for Christian religious instructions, the party would thereby approve and accept for itself in principle the position of the Reich Minister for Church Affairs, which has been previously opposed by it; for there no longer exists a basic difference between a position, which wants to reform and reorder church life in its entirety or one which strives for this goal only in the realm of the education of youth.....

.....religious instruction as given in the schools today, does not only comprise the instruction in Christian doctrines of faith, the teachings of the creation of the world and of the life hereafter; besides that, the children also receive instructions in the ten commandments during religious instruction, which for most compatriots are the only rule of conduct for their moral behavior and for an orderly communal life in the national community. If this instruction is taken away from the children without replacing it with something better, the objection can be made - in my estimation not without reason - that, as many contend, the present degradation of youth is in part caused by the lack of religious instruction in schools .....

.....As far as religious instruction in the schools is concerned, I do not think that anything has to be changed in the presently existing conditions. No fault can be found with any National Socialist teacher, according to unequivocally clear instructions of the Fuehrer's Deputy, if he finds himself ready to give religious instructions in schools.

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However for the contents of the religious instruction, the directions, which have been established by the churches themselves during former years, should still be binding. In the circular of the Fuehrer's Deputy No. 3/39 of 4 Jan 1939 it is stated explicitly that the teachers charged with religious instructions are not to select from the material for biblical instruction at their own discretion, but that they have the obligation to teach the entire biblical material. Interpretations, explanations and separations in the sense of various attempts of particular church sect must be omitted. The students must be given the entire picture of the biblical instruction material.

However the teachers shall have the right to present this material as the property of biblical thought, and not as that of Germany or National Socialism. If thus in some cases comparisons are drawn, then this only corresponds to the duties of the educator, according to the circular. Against such religious instructions, the churches cannot have any objections. ....As long as we do not master this task, however, it will always be pointed out from various sides, and rightly so, that children, not taking part in religious instruction, are no longer taught even the most simple moral laws which are a standard for the communal life of all nations.

The Fuehrer's Deputy finds it necessary that all these questions should be discussed thouroughly in the near future in the presence of all Reichsleiters who are especially affected by them. I would appreciate it very much, if you would let me know your position in this matter before the discussion.

Heil Hitler!

s/ BORMANN

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Translation of a copy of document: 812-PS - USA - 61

Salzburg, 6 July 1939

To the Reich Commissioner JOSEF BUERCKEL,

Vienna I
Parlament

Dear party comrade BUERCKEL!

Soon after the seizure of power in the Ostmark, KLAUSNER, GLOBOCNIK and I flew to Berlin, in order to make a report to the Fuehrer's Deputy, Party Member Rudolf HESS, about the events which led to the seizure of power. We did this because we had the impression that it was the general opinion and perhaps also the opinion of the Fuehrer that state factors in Austria, rather than the party, were responsible for the liberation. To be more exact, the Fuehrer especially singled out Dr.SEYSS-INQUART and it was the general opinion that he alone deserved the credit for the change and thus believed him to have played the sole leading role. .....

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Translation of a Copy of Document: 3954-PS (USA-704)

SEYSS-INQUART

The Austrian question 1934 - 1938

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.....ZERNATTO urged me to be more active about this. Since he realized that I would not have any success with the Nazis in the framework of the Fatherland Front, we agreed on the plan, which was permitted by SCHUSCHNIGG: "I was appointed State Councillor (Staatsrat) with the mission to examine the conditions for the inclusion of the national opposition and to make appropriate recommendations, while an INNSBRUCK acquaintance of SCHUSCHNIGG, Dr.PEMBAUR was to be put in charge of a state political department (Volkspolitisches Referat) for the preparation of the cooperation of the Nationalist in the Front.

I immediately expressed the desire to go now to the Reich myself in order to ascertain by contact with responsible men, how far my plans would find approval. KEPPLER arranged - with SCHUSCHNIGG's consent - a visit with HESS and GOERING. I presented my opinions to both of them. I emphasized particularly that it must not be a question of party successes. Putting these in the background, the Austrian National Socialists will be able to be active, and Austria will become an important auxiliary bastion for the Reich; at the same time this double partnership would offer many advantages in international affairs. HESS asked me to see him once more. I assume that he spoke with the Fuehrer in the meantime. HESS was most sympathetic and cordial, however he said literally: "You certainly have good intentions, I shall follow your work with interest, I regret that you are not an old fighter." .....

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Translation of a copy Document: 2608 - PS (USA-714)

Freiburg University Speeches

The Administration in Wartime by Dr. WILHELM FRICK, Reich Minister of the Interior.

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.....The authorities of the Plenipotentiary General for the Economy experienced a restriction after the outbreak of war. This restriction was the result of the relationship between the Plenipotentiary General for the Economy and the Commissioner for the Four Year Plan. While the Commissioner for the Four Year Plan had the duty during the time of peace to bring the economy of the Reich to a peak by using existing raw materials and by decreasing the dependency of the German economy on foreign countries as much as possible, the Plenipotentiary General for the Economy had the special task of the economic preparation for war. After the outbreak of the war, the job of the Commissioner for the Four Year Plan had to be extended as a purely wartime economic measure. A clear demarcation of jurisdiction and competency was urgently necessary. This was done on the suggestion of the Plenipotentiary General for the Economy in the following way: the Commissioner for the Four Year Plan, Generalfeldmarschall GOERING took over the direction of the entire war economy, the activities of the Plenipotentiary for the Economy were restricted to the economic policy and to financing the war in line with the duties of the Reich Ministry for Economy and the Reichsbank. In order to guarantee the coordination of the various economic agencies of the Four Year Plan, these agencies were concentrated in a General Council (Generalrat) under the chairmanship of Generalfeldmarschall GOERING, its members are the Staatssekretaere of the departments, participating in the war economy, the Chief of the War Economy Office (Wehrwirtschaftsamt) and a representative of the Fuehrer's Deputy. It is the primary duty of this General Council to coordinate the work of the various agencies, receive and examine the reports and to induce the necessary war economical measures each time.

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It is a working community (Arbeitsgemeinschaft) which clarisfies the most important questions and establishes directives for their solution. However, the execution of the various measures, especially the drafting of the necessary decrees, remains the job of the proper agencies.

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Conversation with the Deputy of the Fuehrer.
Berliner 111, Nachtausgabe No. 224 of 25 September 1933
Escaped the Munich Murder of hostages by chance.

Question: "Please base this conversation only on the sole idea of showing the man and his working methods, in whose hands Adolf Hitler has trustingly laid the deputization in the administration of the NSDAP. Not only every National Socialist, but every German in general must be as closely acquainted as possible whith the personality, in which he sees reflected the political will of the Fuehrer and Chancellor. The man Rudolf Hess wants to show this work. No doubt the dates known about your previous course of life are correct: Born on 26 April 1894 in Alexandria in Egypt as a German abroad. Brought up there until the 14th year, followed by the Paedagogium Godesberg and commercial apprenticeship. Voluntary enlistee with the 1st Bavarian Infantry Regiment. Promoted to Lieutenant in 1917 in the hospital after having been wounded several times as member of the Bavarian Reserve Infantry Regiment 18, transferred to the air corps after having been severely shot in the lungs and in the autumn, of 1918 already at the western front with the Fighter Squadron 35. These dates until the end of the war are correct, are they not? May I ask what path you took into the interior policy of Germany and into National Socialism ?"

Answer: "As a German abroad, in the midst of foreign nations, I was brought up as a Nationalist in the house of my parents. Through living together for years with comrades of all classes in the combat unit of the World War, the Socialist developed himself. The last foundation for becoming a National Socialist later was established by the Revolution: The Anti-Semite.

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Up to the time I had often protected the "poor persecuted Jewry" on the basis of the usual historical themes. Only my observations in the winter of 1918/19 incited me to the serious study of the Jewish question. The documentarily proved dictatorial solitary reign of the Jews in the "Muenchner Raeteregierung" over Germany finally changed Soulus into Paulus. The supplement in the economic field would not have been necessary: the report given me, and proven to be correct in my investigation, that the "Raeteregierung" sold a dump of metal from army supplies valued at many millions for several thousand marks to a 20 year old Jewish racial comrade, who immediately sent it across the frontier. It was the first case drastically demonstrated to me of the systematic exploitation of Germany by her Jewish "fellow citizens". I reached the conclusion by affiliating myself still during the "Raetezeit" with the nationalistic "Thule"Association in Munich. Only later did I run into HITLER and thus to HITLER and his NSDAP."

Question: You escaped the known killing of hostages by a curious twist of chance or fate. May I ask you to picture briefly this experience, which I consider to be a decisive one in your life?

Answer: Properly speaking. I was at that time in serious danger twice. I received anti-Semitic leaflets through the "Thule" Association which I distributed in the streets of Munich in connection with which I was promptly arrested. Characteristically at that time

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the death penalty was not for usury but for anti-Semitic propaganda. I thank it only to an official in the Munich office of the Chief of police, who apparently secretly means will with me, that I could escape. But still a few days later fate almost caught up with me: It can only be attributed to the circumstance that I was detained by chance and came late to the meeting called by the "Thule" Association that I was not arrested with the other hostages and shot in the Luitpoldgymnasium in Munich. When I turned into the Marstall Street on which the meeting was to take place, I saw the trucks with the red sailors drive up. My attempt to warn the comrades from the next telephone booth failed: The telephone of the "Thule" Association had been token over by the sailors in the meantime. In the NSDAP since July 1920

Question: ..... am I correct when I go on about your career: After the killing of the hostages active participation in the liberation of Munich and wounded again. This time in the fight against the internal enemy of the country. You came to the NSDAP in July 1920, didn't you?

Answer: "Yes, after I wandered around for a long time without finding what would suit the longing of the old veteran. The parties to the right were lacking in consideration concerning the demands of the veteran in social matters - the parties to the left were eliminated before hand because of their stand in the

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revolution and before the revolution. Then I heard a speech of Hitler to all the members of the NSDAP. - they filled a small back room in the Sternecker-Braeu! Though the movement appeared ridiculous: I finally found what I was looking for in Hitler and the ideas expounded by him. I said to an acquaintance: He or no one will save Germany! I became a member of the NSDAP."

Question: " You joined the SA at the time of its founding . Participated on 4 November 1921 in the meeting in the "Hofbraeuhaus" banqueting hall where the first violent conflicts with political opponents occurred. 800 opponents faced 45 men of the "Saalschutz", to which you belonged. The Fuehrer pictured this first brawl (Saalschlacht) in his work " Mein Kampf". You educated yourself by the study of national economy and history at the University in Munich. Arrest of the Bavarian Minister in the night of 9 November which was ordered by Hitler on 8 November. After the betrayal of the first German insurrection of 9 November 1923, a political fugitive for half a year and finally voluntary surrender to the police. With Hitler for 7½ months in fortress Landsberg. Since spring of 1925 private secretary of Hitler and steady companion on all trips, as one of the closest collaborators. Since 15 December 1932 Chairman of the Political Central Commission of the NSDAP. and by decree of 21 April of this year, Deputy of the Fuehrer, with the authority to decide in all questions of the Party Leadership in the name of Adolf Hitler. That is a correct picture of the outward life history?"

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Answer: " The picture is correct. The dates frame an inner development which I would like to describe as the road to my present office."

Question:"What reasons do you believe have counsel the Fuehrer to delegate you with the position of Deputy in the NSDAP?"

Answer: " The outward reason was of course the overload of work, which resulted from the dual appointment as the Leader of the Reich and the only German party. The unheard of tasks with which fate confronted him, to straighten out the almost completely collapsed Reich, simply does not permit being occupied with the daily matters of Party Policy. To relieve him of this is the pride and purpose of life of his collaborators. I see as my task the influencing of the life of the Party in the spirit of Adolf Hitler, the forging of all National Socialists to a close connection, the cultivation of the tradition of the SA and SS, the Hitler Youth and the Party comradeship, the furthering of new ideas from the Party. The fact that I got to know exactly the Party apparatus in many years of work probably was one of the most decisive points in Hitler's decision to appoint me or his Deputy. Adolf Hitler appointed me to the position as his Deputy because he knows that I have learned, as far as what is possible, to see men and politics, insofar as they are importance to the NSDAP, with his eyes. The great lacking for my task lies in the confidence that Adolf Hitler has

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expressed in me by my appointment as his Deputy. I have only one wish: to show yself worthy of his confidence. No matter in what position: I am only the servant in the task of the National Socialism of Adolf Hitler."

The sphere of activity of the Deputy of the Fuehrer.

Question: " Is it possible to repeat a few sample questions from the load of questions daily addressed to you as Deputy of the Fuehrer of the NSDAP, so that your sphere of activity, though in small excerpts, will be clarified from various sides."

Answer: " Through my participation, ordered by the Fuehrer, in the cabinet sessions the identity of Party and State are documented and assured in the practical work. From that results an over lopping of the spheres of activity of the Deputy Party Leader into that of a member of the Reich Cabinet. Here I want to speak only of the sphere of activity as the Deputy of the Fuehrer.

I may presume the structure of the Party in regard to organization to be known! According to the wish of the Fuehrer, the Party Leadership remains forever in Munich; therefore I am active for the longest period and most frequently in Munich, the root of the movement. Here the daily questions of Party life and the basic considerations of the development are treated. Daily questions? They lie in the most varied fields! Be they questions of the Women's Organization and the Women's Front, questions of the NSBO or Labor Front, be they the many questions of the Party organization apparatus proper. Economic questions are to be handled just as questions of national health! "

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Question: " Also the latter?"

Answer: " Certainly! It is even a special wish of the Fuehrer that this field is treated with love and care. Therefore the advisory council for all questions of national health with its director Dr. Gerhard Wagner is directly subordinated to me. It is understood that I do not presume a judgement at all times, in specific cases, by the mass of fields; therefore I have the various sections, staffed with experts, at my disposal with their advice and material. It is my task to guard that the results of their work are brought into harmony with basic National Socialist ideas and the internal harmony preserved. The sections, as well as the Staff Leadership created for my assistance under Martin Bormann, have their seat in Munich. Furthermore there is the Political Central Commission, which presents a last resort of control on the one hand and on incitement for the organs of the political practical work on the other. It is sub-divided into Special Commissions such as the Economic Commission, the Press Commission, the Communal Policy Commission, etc.

The Liaison Staff in Berlin has the main task to cultivate the liaison among the Party offices and the State offices on the one hand and among these States and in an non-bureaucratic manner on the other. After the Party had become one of the most important parts of the State, the longer of overlapping of jurisdiction arose. Therefore a clear division and a proper

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Fusion and collaboration of the State; Economic and Movement resorts had to be guaranteed. The Liaison Staff of the NSDAP has the task to coordinate the proper men and authorities quickly and for practical work and to make the proper decision in cases of doubt.

The Party remains clean.

Questions: "The political parties of the liberal period were during their existence always threatened by intrigues, jealousies job huntings and small denouncers. I would be grateful to you if you could tell me something about how the NSDAP is proofed against such impurities of the daily political life."

Answer: "No party and no organization in the world is completely immune to the human smallness and low mindedness of individual members. Just as little as there exist a panacea for human weaknesses in the non-political field, just as little can strictest party discipline prevent that for a short time here and there an unworthy individual calls himself a National Socialist and tries to derive rights from this lie. There is no greater hardness than that with which National Socialism will judge the malefactors who disgrace its name and its honor by meanness or even stupidity. Here the Fuehrer and his old fellow fighters watch pitilessly for keeping the National Socialist Idea pure. Be assured, the NSDAP is proofed against the impurities of the daily political life, as you call it

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The institution which is called upon to erase every spot from the shield of our honor is the "Uschla" ; the Investigation and Settlement Committee....."

The coming Party Senate.

Question : From men who speak from the point of view of the historian the question is raised whether in the NSDAP, now the only Party of Germany, the good as well as the bad ideas avowed and unavowed which previously split the people into parties, cannot develop again. Do you see this danger ?

Answer : The danger is eliminated by the leader Principle governing the Party. We are certainly conscious of the difficulty which lies in administrating centrally the great political wealth of ideas of a strongly individualistic people. We strive not to let any good idea from the variety of ideas wither, it is our life's work to utilize militantly the wealth of ideas of the German people for their future. But that demand of us that we eliminate those critics from any influence upon German fate whose egotistic nature drives them to criticize negatively. For them there is no room in our midst and with them the danger of an internal split in the Party is eliminated.

By the way, in a short time a Party Senate will be formed on order of Adolph HITLER which envelopes the most faithful and important leaders and which will be the most outstanding pillar of the National-Socialist Party and it will guard our German sacredness Adolf HITLER'S idea as "grail" ;

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Question: "Do you find time to take notice of important occurances in the field of literature, art, and the cultural life of Germany in general, as far as it does not belong to your particular field of work ?"

Answer : " I do not believe that the Fuehrer, who himself takes such active interest in art, the theater, music, etc., would have thought me worthy to stand closely at his side for over a decade had not closer connections also tied me to the artistic and cultural life of Germany on the whole. Naturally, all of us who are in the middle of the daily political work lack the time to be able to interest ourselves in cultural special fields properly: but of course the most important cultural creations do not pass us by, by any means".

National Socialism Abroad.

Question: "Do you believe in a spreading of thoughts which resemble those of National Socialism in the politics of the other great powers, and what future possibilities do you see in that in case you answer the question with yes ?"

Answer : "The post-war years have taught us that also in other countries the longing exists for new forms of government and new men, who give political and philosophical content to these new forms of government. We have experienced that in other peoples ideas came to the fore which are related to those of National Socialism, though they are not synonimous by any means but are geopolitically modified. This world political process does not seem to be concluded by any means, as is shown by the inner-political struggles in european and trans-oceanic countries. It would not be surprising that political ideas which resemble ours win out in other countries if we give a good example in Germany.

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which are similar to ours, if we give a good example in Germany. We observe this process, but in order to speed it up, we never interfere with the internal policy of non-German countries; we do not consider any sort of connections towards non-German Party offices in foreign states. We can allow even less practicial help to foreign National Socialist Party Organizations, since we watch first in every folk its own growing. On the other hand, we expect so much more from the world on our side that it concedes our nation and our people the right of its own development. We do not want to compare National Socialism with any other spiritual movement or political dorain of ideas in the whole world; we want to be thankful that it came to life originated in Germany with it's most individual stamp through Adolf HITLER. The National Socialism of our Fuehrer is so German, that it allows no transfer to other countries. It fills ... Germany completely thanks to the activity of it's individual genius, for which there is no parallel in our time. Only the future will be able to understand completely its real meaning as only our children and their children's children will harvest in full, what he planted."

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from Rudolf Hess speeches, Munich 1938

Pages 39, 43, 44, 45, 47

To the Frontline Soldiers of the World.

Speech from Koenigsberg over the German broadcasting stations on the occasion of the Gauparteitag in East-Prussia on 8.July 1934.

..... At the front, the concepts of rank consciousness and class consciousness collapsed in the face of death, which threatened everybody. At the front comradeship between one fellow country-man and another fellow country-man grew in common joy and in common sorrow as had never been known before. At the front, for all eyes to see, the common fate, which stood above each individual fate, rose to gigantic proportions...

But, something else rose in the frontline soldiers in spite of all bitterness and all the ruthlessness of battle; the feeling of a certain inner bond with the frontline soldier over there, beyond the no man's land, who endured the same suffering, stood in the same mud, was threatened with the same death. And this feeling of closeness has remained until today. . . . .

..... We, the frontline soldiers, do not wish, that an incompetent diplomacy shall plunge us into a catastrophy, for which the frontline soldiers will once again bear the burden. On both sides, we, the frontline soldiers, feel free of responsibility for the last war. We want to fight together in order to avoid a new catastrophy. We, who jointly destroyed in war, shall jointly build in peace.

It is high time that a real understanding between nations is accomplished at last. An understanding which is based on mutual respect, because it alone can endure on a respect such as distinguished former frontline soldiers themselves.

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Be honest! Has not each one of us asked at some time: "why all this ! must it be ? Can't humanity be spared this in the future?" But we were steadfast - over here and over there ! As men of responsibility, of discipline, of loyalty, as men who abhor cowardice, we were steadfast.

In spite of it, I shall raise the former question and shout it accusingly into the world - as frontline soldier to frontline soldiers, as leader of a people to the leaders of other people ! must it be ? Can't we together, with good will, spare humanity this ?

Perhaps one might ask me, why do you raise your voice only today? Why did you keep silent all these years?

I shall give the answer: because my voice was confused with the voices of traitors of their own people - with the voices of those, who once attacked the frontline soldiers from the rear- with the voices of those, who slandered the frontline soldier and praised the slacker - with the voices of those Germans, who have the Versailles treaty on their conscience. I wanted no part of them.

Today I am able to speak, because a man of my people has restored the honor of this people before the world. Today I am able to speak, because this man has silenced the traitors of this people. Today I am able to speak, because the world knows that a national socialist fighter is no coward. Today I am able to speak, because the leader of my people himself offers his hand in peace to the world. Today I am able to speak, because one of the bravest, Adolf Hitler, protects me from misunderstanding and from being placed on an the same level as cowards.

Today I must speak, because I am supporting the man who is at the last moment, attempting to save the world from catastrophe.

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Today I am raising my voice, because I wish to warn the world at the same time not to confuse the Germany of today, the Germany of peace, with the former Germany, the Germany of pacifism.....

With genuine sympathy one has heard voices in Germany, and particularely among the German frontline soldiers, voices of French combat veteran organizations which demand a true understanding with Germany. A demand which no doubt, originates from the knowledge of the real nature of war as well as from the respect which French frontline soldiers show from a soldierly feeling, for the accomplishments of the German frontline soldier.

The soldiers of France know, how courageously the Germans fought for four and one half years in the face of tremendously superior night. Just as the German frontline soldier can not fail to recognize the courage of the French frontline soldier. This courage is expressed in the fact that on the side of the Allies, the French army paid the greatest tribute in blood.
The frontline soldiers want peace.
The peoples want peace. . . . .

The frontline soldiers honestly want peace and understanding. I am appealing to the frontline soldiers in other countries as well as to the wellmeaning people in the Governments of these countries to support these aims.

I am directing this appeal from sacred East-Prussian soil to the frontline soldiers of the world. Here, on this German borderland soil, once began the great world struggle with its dreadful sacrifices; sacrifices from which the fighting nations have not even today recovered. May the historic battleground, from which I speak, raise the earnest appeal for peace in its effect.....

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Speech to the National Socialist Community "Strength through Joy" (Kraft durch Freude) in the A.E.G. Machine Hall on 27 November 1934.

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..... We do not want to let this day pass without also telling the working men of the other nations who are so often told maliciously of the threatening war now: we German workers we German National Socialists, and those are we Germans on the whole, we want war as little as all other men who know war and who desire to work for the good of their people. We do not long for war, and we do not need war for the recovery of our honor: for our honor has been recovered by our work which was ordered for us by the Fuehrer. We want to work in honor and peace, we do not want anything else than to work for the good of our nation and her children. .....

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Speech in the Buchum streetcar hall on 8 December 1934
("Day of National Solidarity")

Pages 6,7,11,12,13

..... Here we ask ourselves, what are the prerequisites for this recuperation of our economy. We know it exactly and we frequently emphasized it: a final, lasting economic recuperation of German requires a recuperation of the economy of the whole world. And that can be achieved only if the leaders of all nations join in agreement. For if such understanding again creates trust and normal exchange of goods, if political force and boycott measures will not hold back anymore the flow world-economy, then this will mean at the same time an act of international solidarity, that will result in a lasting improvement in the situation of the poor and needy of all nations.

Understanding is the prerequisite for a reconstruction of sensible international economic relations. We believe that all people, and most of the leaders of the people will gradually recognize the necessity of such normal relations. For as the conditions which developed after the war and especially after the Treaty of Versailles are clear to the rest of the world, they are clear to them as well. These conditions are the logical units which belong together, but also of economic relationships, as a result of a "Peace" - treaty, which bears the name unjustly.

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When we believe in an increase of willingness for understanding in the World, we do so, because we believe that the other nations, in their own interests, will also deem such understanding necessary. We also believe in a coming understaning, because more and more of the Front - generation reach leading political positions. Whoever knows war, loves peace! The men who rule Germany, know war!.....

..... In other States too, war and economic crises have left need and poverty in their wake. And even if they do not organize winter help movements, I cannot believe that citizens of other nations pass by the apparitions of human misery indifferently. They too will realize that in all countries many of the poor, miserable and stricken are victims of irresponsible political leadership of bygone times. I believe that these too, those who were more fortunate materially will feel obliged by their conscience to think of how these innocent victims of faulty politics could be helped, and I do not believe that those who think could find a way different than this: to turn away from the roads that led into misery up to now - and to start out on new ones, road of reason.

Those who are unbiased, will share our opinion that rather than sow the seeds of new hate and distrust, to create an international solidarity between nations, and to regulate anew the economic relationship on a basis of mutual trust. This goal will be reached not by international economic conferences, where beautiful speeches devoid of practical significance are being made, but by making the way free for an exchange of goods and products of labor to satisfy demands on all sides.

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But always the important prerequisite remains: Trust! Once this prevails, the purely technical means for moving the goods massed for exchange throughout the world across the borders shall quickly be found.

My fellow countrymen! While the condition of international solidarity remains merely a desirable image, it is our most basic and first duty to do everything that would strengthen our national solidarity. That means that we have to stand up for all these who were destined, without their guilt, to bear the consequences of the political and economic developments in Germany and in the world.

And only the feeling to do everything possible: first, to stand by national solidarity practically to the limit, then to further international solidarity by all thinkable means, as the sole possibility to remove misery from our follow countrymen not only for the time being but for always - is a relief for everyone's conscience, whenever he sees in the slum - homes the lament and misery of his suffaring follow countrymen .....

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Speech on the occasion of the Saar Plebiscite.

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..... In the thousand year old German history of the country and the people of the Saar necessarily two short French episodes are interposed, like two strange stone fragments without any connection to the territorial and timely German surroundings, without any political, cultural, linguistic or economic influence on country and people. Just as two foreign bodies in pure stone. Looking back at past history, they appear like two examples of the impossibility of chang ing this Germany into another. Just as a good steel blade will after each bending obeying its inner law spring back into its original shape, so Germans in the Saar follow their innermost laws and return at the first possible moment, to their own; that always was a German law.

In a thousand years history twice allowed such French experiments lasting twenty years. At both times Europe conceded the complete fatality of such an attempt to force nature, national culture (Volkstum) yes, even God's own plan, shown in rivers and valleys and in the hearts of mankind.

One of the least censurious Frenchmen, the Archbishop FENELON, made the first of these attempts to deny the open will of God and mankind, history and nature, judged centuries before with his statement to LUDWIG XIV for which a double monument shall always remain for the true manhood of one of the best Frenchmen and that the Saar shall always remain German: "In peace" said FENELON to LUDWIG XIV, as he ordered a Chamber of reunion to annex also the Saar territory to France, "in the middle of peace you made war..... you created a Chamber of reunion in order to be judge and party at the same time; that means insult and ridicule to the law.

At that time Europe understood the curse of such a crime and destroyed it. LUDWIG XIV had to return the Saar territory to Germany in peace and Ryswyk in 1697 .....

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Speech of the Deputy of the Fuehrer on

17 November 1935

on the 3rd Reich Farmers Day (Reichsbauerntag) in Goslar.

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We were forced from the outside to do everything to make us, insofar as possible, independent from the world around us. Autocratic efforts were forced upon us against our wills. I emphasize against our wills - since it is our firm conviction that economic relations, that commercial exchange with other lands is necessary for mutual understanding and therewith the preservation of peace, which is so bitterly necessary for the harassed peoples. .....

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Speech of the Deputy of the Fuehrer at the opening of the new Adolf-Hitler - Hall on 11 Oct 1936 in Hof.

Pages 14,15

.....It is amazing, how little apparently individual peoples are inclined to learn from the bitter experiences that other peoples have had. At any rate, we have learned from the experiences of our own people:

Our people shall never again proceed along the path of suffering of an inflation:

The paths along which we proceed to overcome the occasional difficulties, have been pointed out by the Fuehrer:

First: The World gives us the possiblity to produce in our own territories the raw-materials we were compelled to purchase up to now. That is, raw - material colonies are put at our disposal. This release of colonies is in their own interest, as else we might be forced to export at any cost, and thereby inflict damage upon the other exporting countries.

Secondly: Production of the necessary raw-materials in our own country, so far as it is possible at all. And they know that if German chemists and German technicians start out on something, the results are not bad! Right now plants are being built, which in a short time will make us independent of motor-fuel import from foreign countries. Plants are being built that produce synthetic rubber, of a quality equal to natural rubber. In many other fields more factories shall open, that will deliver highly valuable products. .....

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The Deputy of the Fuehrer before the Naval Officers on 14-16 March 1936 at Kiel Wilhemshaven,

Pages 3, 4, 5.

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The foundations of power are:

1. The size of the space which the nation can call its own - its soil with the natural resources.
2. The geographic location of the space: power and importance of the surrounding nations, strength or weakness of the natural frontiers climatic conditions are decisive for advantages and disadvantages of the location.
3. The weapons, which every nation procures for itself, according to their number as well as their quality. Amongst the weapons I also count the mental weapons, amongst them the ones which are used by diplomacy.

Further, the foundations of power are:

4. The people generally in its forces of life, and the man in particular who bears arms. Number as well as quality here too are the strength determining factors.
5. Inestimable is the respect, which a nation has gained abroad before the world through the attitude of its leaders, its soldiers, its children; the manner in which the respect of the nation is being maintained, a respect, which its flag enjoys, no matter in how lonely a place it flies, because it is known that if necessary the entire strength of the nation will protect it.

Most of you will know Freiligraths

"Fire, but don't hurt the Flag!"

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the poem, in which a British Consul on a distant island protects an British sailor from foreign pursuers only by draping a Union Jack around him and shouting laconically to the others: "Fire,! But don't hurt the flag!" Nobody dared to do it, and Freiligrath closes:

"When will the great day arrive for us also!"

. . . Those then are the foundations of power.

We do not want to enlarge the space in any case : : by the use of force. We are unable to change the <u>geographic location</u>. What the new Reich has accomplished with respect to the <u>armament</u> of the nation, I do not need to describe to you in detail - after the 16th of March less than ever before! .....

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From: Speeches of Rudolf HESS in Minich 1938

Aus: Rudolf HESS' Reden, Muenchen 1938

Pages 153, 166, 167.

After the reoccupation by German troops of the left Rhine Zone.

Speech for the plebecite of 29 March 1936, held in Stettin on 21 March 1936/- and in a changed form - in several other German cities!

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. . . the most logical way to provide more food for the people in Germany is to extend our basic sphere of life, that is to supplement it by colonies. The Fuehrer has therefore had the expectation, that/with the declaration of his willingness to return to the League of Nations the question of colonies would be made subject to revision. The Fuehrer knows, that a people without sufficient space, without sufficient room for support, that a starving people out of instinct of self preservation in the long run is a source of unrest, against which even the most clever statesman is helpless. For hunger is a natural urge which can neither be stopped by warning nor by orders. The desire for colonies is therefore only the wish to create a relief in Europe in the long run and the question of Colonies for Germany is therefore, a part of the frame work of the great appeasement plan of the Fuehrer.

Perhaps the reply will be, why don't you decrease your people, instead of requesting more space? why does the third Reich on the contrary endeavour to increase the birth rate? Our reply to this is, we do not see, why one of the most valuable people of the earth should perish, why a creation should perish which is responsible for the greatest works of culture and for the progress of humanity, which is the most wonderful contributor to world literature, to music, to creative art; because we do not see why a people should perish thanks to which the most important discoveries and researches, humanity saving progresses in medicine, revolutionizing discoveries in the field of technic have been made. Because we do not see, why this nation should perish from this earth, while other nations own eight or ten times as much land without fully utilizing it or not using it at all.

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Speech on the Occasion of the Vote of Confidence 1 May 1936.

Pages 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

.....The consequences of the inevitable collapse of one enterprise after the other was the dismissal of a corresponding number of workers, who did not receive any more wages and thus were no longer customers. The absence of customers resulted in the decrease of demand and that in turn resulted in the collapse of more enterprises - unemployment grew constantly and reached the figure of one million, which National Socialism - at the time it seized power - received as heritage from the previous system.

The German economic catastrophe would never have reached such terrible proportions, and our opponents would never have made these economically insane demands, if they would have had to count with a possibility of German resistance. If a real German Army would have existed at that time, Germany and the whole world might have been spared - if not completely, but to a great extent - the disaster which the economic catastrophe has brought about.

But now the inflation which was closely connected with the reparation payments and the already mentioned mismanagement took millions away from small savers, the emergency money, which they saved brought a lifetime of work, depriving themselves of the necessities - but it also took away from many a German worker part of his earnings, for month and years because the wages could not keep abreast with the purchasing power of the money.

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Germany's economy received its last great severe/stab when on one day France for petty reasons occupied Germany's most valuable productive area, the Ruhr area, because Germany could not even resist that. There has never been set before any nation's eyes an example in a more convincing way and in its consequences a more terrifying way as to what it meant to stand up defenseless against a world, that is if although one had the will for peaceful work and although one had the ability to produce good work, one still did not have the possibility to protect this work. All of you remember these times of misery just as well as I do.

Apart from the protection which the reestablishment of the Armed Forces means, its rebuilding has great effect, directly and indirectly. For the confidence which is being bestowed on the rising German economy, will be strengthened so much by the conviction of the whole world that never again may a state if it so pleases, move in and destroy this economy, that recently efforts are being made in establishing economic relations with other countries. Also because of that, the prerequisites are being given for more work in Germany, and thus for gradual improvement in the prosperity of every individual. .....

..... I emphasized it again and again in my earlier speeches that we want peace and that especially those in our Government want the peace who saw for themselves the misery and disaster of the war, and came to know it on their own bodies.

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It further emphasized that the existence of a powerless and practically unarmed nation among highly armed nations means danger for the peace, because statesmen of other countries could too easily think of trying to evade internal difficulties in their own country by staging a military march into the unarmed country. But such action could - disregarding the calamity for the stricken nation - bring on further military developments Thereestablished German might averted this danger to the peace of the world. Germany is convinced that its armed forces secure the peace - but it is just as much convinced that it also helps to secure the peace of Europe.....

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Speech of the Fuehrer's Deputy at the Lawyers Convention at Leipzig on 16 May 1936

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..... According to its ideology it is a matter of course for the National Socialist movement to stand for justice and to lend increased strength for the improvement of this thought of justice, to actually look upon this justice as one of the most important servants in the community of a people.

For the people whose communal life regulates and arronges justice are in the center of the National Socialist Ideology. Without justice, chaos develops, out of chaos the destruction of the people.

In order to fulfil its mission in the adjustment and arrangement of the communal life for the individual person, in the incorporation of the various parts into the community, justice must be formed from the spirit of this community, that is from the people, it must correspond, to the spirit of the state as an institution of communal life.

Speech of the Fuehrer's Deputy at the convention of the large families league on 6 June 1936 in COLOGNE.

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At the same time the Fuehrer fights another battle. You know that too. We are a people without space - a slogan perhaps - but it is still a fact with a real and a very serious background, because hunger is found behind it. As a result of this recognition on 1 March the Fuehrer made the claim that if - at last - we are ready to come to an understanding with those who were not interested in it up to now, we must make a demand for the sake of our Nation's future. That is the demand for space, for colonies. In the long run we cannot raise in our own soil that which is necessary to our sustenance and therefore we demand of the others that we be given land - to be given land for the sake of peace. (lively applause). Willingly or unwillingly, a hungry people are, in the long run, dangerous to peace. May the others understand.....

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Speech of the Fuehrer's Deputy at the Reich Party Convention Nbg. 1936 (Reichsparteitag)

Pages 24,25,26,27,28

..... Here also the Fuehrer set an example. As you know, he went as far as to even decline to defend himself in his book "Mein Kampf" against the serious opposition that was led against him publicly in connection with his revolt in 1923 in that he dealt publicly with unknown details of the 8 and 9 November which, at the same time, accused the men who had turned against him. He did not want to offer the spectacle at home nor abroad of men lowering themselves who, perhaps, could have once again reunited themselves for a common cause.

Only lately I learned of a case of remarkable self-discipline of a leader in a foreign country, which I would also like to mention to you as an example:

As you probably know, Admiral JELLICOE, the commander of the English Navy in the battle of the Skagerrak was seriously attacked by the English public because it was only his alleged failure that prevented the destruction of the German Navy in the battle of the Skagerrak as the English people had expected it. Primarily, a large scale press-campaign initiated after the battle of the Skagerrak had the effect to the extent that simultaneously Admiral BEATTY the commander of the English battle-cruisers was, for years, considered a hero of the English people. JELLICOE has never answered a word to all these charges that rested heavily upon him either in the press or other publicity - not even after the war had ended and he had retired from active service.

A book entitled "The Mystery of Juteland" was recently published by another English Admiral

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who, based on official English and German sources, explains to the English people the hitherto generally mysterious events of the battle of the Skagerrak. The entire book, even if not pronounced but between the lines and by the bare facts, is an effective justification for JELLICOE and unfavorable for BEATTY.

In spite of this JELLICOE strongly criticised the publication of the boook, merely, because the contrast between two leading admirals of the English fleet is thereby again exposed and, according to his opinion, the danger arises that the reputation of the English fleet would be endangered in the eyes of the public. Rather than to permit this to happen, he would take it upon himself to remain branded as an uncapable leader by his people and by history. This attitude is exemplary. .....

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..... Besides, you know that the Fuehrer declared in one of his great speeches that we were ready to offer our hand in reconciliation to our former opponents if <u>these</u> were ready to serve the new Reich with their talents.

Nobody may disregard the word of the Fuehrer.

And it cannot be left to the opinion of a publisher - even if it is the publisher of a national socialist paper - if a man who works unobjectionably today in the sense of the Fuehrer's word, may continue to do so or not. A publisher does not have to decide on that but rather the political leader of the movement (Hoheitstraeger). .....

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Speech of the Fuehrer's Deputy to all Reich Gau and Kreisleiters at the Reich Party Rally of Honor in 1936 in Nuernberg

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.....The announcement of the new Four Year Plan eliminates the last great hope of our enemies: our economical collapse. For it is quite clear to us / that still up to the end they clung to the hope that we would collapse economically and the importance of the new Four Years Plan - the reconversion of economy to self-production of raw materials to the largest exent - cannot as yet be estimated highly enough in its consequence in/case of the emergency /. I believe that it was again one of the real incidents of fate that we did have these difficulties, that the foreign countries did not supply us with the necessary raw materials, that we were forced to reconvert ourselves/to domestic economy.

This is one side of the great importance of this Party Rally. The other side is that the foreign countries are participating in a very great style for the first time at our political demenstration here in Nuernberg. We have invited all the chiefs of foreign missions in question who are stationed in Germany, only nine did not accept the invitation, that means that even though the understanding for National Socialism might not have grown in the world, the realization of the power of the National Socialist state is growing. Just as important is the presence of many invited guests, above all the thousands of foreigners who now take this opportunity to see here in Nuernberg the party in its true form. For the first time the foreign countries are represented in great style! Among our guests are a number of the most important political persons from foreign states with whom the NSDAP leaves their calling card just as the new Germany as a/whole - according to the word of the Fuehrer - on the occasion of the Olympic Games in Berlin handed its calling card to the foreign countries, and the calling card of the NSDAP is certainly as good as the one of the Olympic Games !

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..... The Fuehrer has realized just as clearly the prerequisite for the increased production, i.e. the production within the country of all raw materials which somehow can be produced by synthetic methods, and which we need for our production. We know definitely that this Four Year Plan of the Fuehrer will be carried out just as his first Four Year Plan has been carried out. And it is characteristic for the great confidence of the masses of our workers in the Fuehrer that according to information we have received the workers are just as convinced about the carrying out of this plan as we are. In all plants the faith in the new plan is based upon the fact that already the first Four Year Plan of 1933 has been fulfilled and partly even more than fulfilled: The rest of the world will welcome the Fuehrer's new Four Year Plan less enthusiastically. Although it made many difficulties in supplying our raw materials it now does not like to lose us as customers. However, the foreign countries must realize that there are only few possibilities for us: Either the world market is opened wide for our goods, but the other countries are not in a position to do this due to their own difficult situation, or: we find sales possibilities ourselves in exporting at "dumping prices", which, however, is not in our interest nor in the interest of the foreign countries, our thirdly: we ourselves produce the necessary raw materials as much as possible if our own sources of raw materials are not made available to us, i.e.if we are not given colonies. The latter, however, would have the same result for the foreign countries, which want to sell us raw materials, as our producing synthetic raw materials. The fear of the foreign countries that we might increase our exports is so great that they would rather see us renounce the acquisition of foreign currency in this manner and to produce the required raw materials ourselves.

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In this connection, I recently told an Englishman that we did not have the intention to endanger again our program of procurement of labor for lack of raw materials and to have part of our people starve. Thereupon he admitted that it would, in fact, be better if we were given colonies again, than that we would export at "dumping prices", as I had threatened. The foreign countries may be sure that once we own suffient sources of raw material, we do not intend to increase export with the products made of these raw materials. I believe that we then can proceed to use our production, beyond a certain necessary amount of export, mainly for our own requirements, i.e. to proceed to produce all possible things which our people can use in as large quantities as possible and as cheap as possible. If we are not forced to export in order to get raw materials, we can afford to do this and then it is only a question of distributing what we produce and we will raise the wealth of our people in a manner never hitherto expected.

Therefore, with regard to the living conditions of the individual member of our people, beyond our present more indirectly effective socialist measures, we will become Socialists .....

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Speech by the Fuehrer's Deputy on 28 April 1937 at Burg Vegelsang.

Pages 7,8,16-19,24,25,30,33-37,56-58.

..... In this connection I wish to take position also on my part, against a generalizing disparagement of an intellectual education. Do not forget that the means we employ in fighting are, in contrast to those of the armed forces, intellectual arms. We are not hitting with fists or weapons, our enlightenment, education, propaganda springs from the intellect, which again presupposes a mental education which varies in the individual leaders by degrees only. It does not matter, that a great deal of your intellectual education which you, my Kreisleiters , use in the battle was obtained through your own efforts. Whenever in our ranks opposition arises against intellectual education, it is mostly mistaken for school knowledge. But also in judging school knowledge, it must not be forgotten that you and all the other NS leaders, among whom I count myself, who secured their knowledge and skill by their own efforts, are exceptions - exceptions based on extraordinary talent or on an extraordinary urge to acquire the intellectual education necessary to work for the movement. For most people, however, systematic [illegible] schooling is still the best, and often the only means of bringing about conditions, required in certain functions of an intellectual nature. And the NSDAP itself has opened the way for intellectual education in its schooling strongholds (Schulburgen) and other schools above the school education. Not intellectual ecucation in itself, or the school education as such should be attacked but only degeneration in these domains of learning which not only the NSDAP but the new State generally is striving to overcome ....

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.....I know how very unpleasant and partly also how incomprehensible the demand seems to you to restrain yourself to the utmost on the question of the church. And for that reason, in conclusion I wish to repeat the statements I have made some time ago in a Reichs- and Gauleiter convention.

As in all other questions our attitude on the church question too, must be such that it should be in accord with our overall final aims.

The overall final aims are fixed: The securing of the existence of our nation, the ascent of our nation, the future of our nation! We must always ask ourselves: to what extent does our attitude in a certain problem help or hinder the achievement of our final aims.

Let us learn from the Churches themselves - especially from the Catholic Church. Let us learn to fix our eyes on the far dixtance to think in terms of decades, of centuries, let us learn to fit current questions and the tactics of the day into the all-important policy.

From the viewpoint of the all-important policy first of all the questions of withdrawal from the Church which concerns so many leaders of the NSDAP must be considered. Looking at it this way, it is not so essential whether within a Kreiss or a Gau, the political leaders withdraw from the Church or not, but the fact is essential <u>that we educate the people in a spirit which makes them immune against efforts by one or the other church to alienate them from their national consciousness and their new leadership.</u>

Generally speaking, political leaders who did not withdraw from the church with great fanfare/better are suited to carry out this sort of education. On the contrary: Mass/withdrawals by leaders of the movement only render.

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possible effects, and the influence of the movement on those who should be particularly affected by it, that is those who inwardly still belong to the church, more difficult.

In towns and smaller cities, where the population is still tied to the church - and there is no denying that such still exist - in such places a political leader who parted with the Church, is subject to scorn, and may often not be able to continue his efforts. The withdrawal from the church by leaders in such territories, therefore, can only be gratifying to the enemies. The time may come when it will be important to have behind us <u>every</u> man and <u>every</u> woman, and to lead them according to our will .....

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.....Some weeks ago I had to initiate an investigation of a Kreisleiter who exerted pressure on the political leaders assigned to him by making them choose between their office and withdrawal from the Church. He thus brought his subordinates into a conflict of conscience as many, cleverer than he, were convinced that enforced masswithdrawals by political leaders may presumably not be in accordance with the Fuehrer's ideas. They felt that a Kreisleiter is hardly entitled to make ; politial policies on his own accord and to simply pass over points of the program. I had to start action against this Kreisleiter because he violated my decree of 13 October 1933, which forbids the exertion of moral pressure against National Socialists, and to place a National Socialist at a disadvantage because of his religious belief.

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Just as my decree still applies to those who wanted to remove a National Socialist from office because he would not profess a certain religion, it also applies to those who attempt to take his office away from a National Socialist because he would not break away from a certain religion.
My decree ended with these sentences: "Faith is one's own matter, for which one is accountable to one's own conscience only. Pressure on conscience must not be exerted."

This decree has not been cancelled and will not be cancelled.

..... Do not forget that women are the mothers of our nation's offspring. The more we give offense to them the more they will react against the educational work of the Hitler Youth on their children. The more we consider their feelings the easier it will be to make National Socialists from the entire rising generation in every respect and to solve the whole church question in the simplest way. I determindd with great satisfaction that for some time the Hitler Youth Leaders live up to this policy and with so much more skill than before. It is comparatively easy to brample around in a china shop when one feels provoked. Neither would it entail much difficulty to have a clergyman beaten up here or there by a political leader or the SA. We know how such things start, - but one does not know how it will end.

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In German history we have the case where a couple of subordinate clerks in Prague were thrown out of the window. They were not even hurt because they landed on the dungpile - and yet, this harmless throw from the window was the start of a 30 year long selflaceration of the German people - a selflaceration with religious background - which may have trown our nation back politically and culturally for centuries or at least hampered it in its development .....

.....For the sake of our great aims, it is necessary to prevent the further deepening of the religious split in our nation. Look for the unifying factor in religious matters not the dividing factor and put that in the foreground. See to it that fanatics do not succeed on our side too, - fanatics with reversed insignia - , who find satisfaction in pure negation who in their fanaticism over their fight against Christianity in denying God are apt to .....

.....The most effectual means for keeping and stronghtening a nation is power, therefore increasing power, is stronghtening the nation. Reversed, strenghtening of a gation means also increasing its power, because power has its roots in the nation:

The basis for power - e.i.for power in a wider sense are:

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1) The size of the area which the nations calls its own - its land with all that it contains and whatever grows on it.

2) The geographical situation of the area: Power and importance of the neighboring nations, strength and weakness of the natural boundaries. The climatic conditions are also determinig factors for the advantages and disadvantages of the situation, especially in economic respect.

3) The people in its total value which is made up of its quantity and average quality, complemented by the value of its outstanding personalities who are above the average.

Basis for power are moreover:

4) The weapons which a nation creates for itself according to quality and quantity. I include the intellectual weapons in these weapons.

5) The abstract such as the respect which the nation earns for itself abroad by its bearing as a whole, by the bearing of its leaders, its soldiers, its children; by the way it protects the respect for the nation, the respect which its flag enjoys - no matter how lonely it waves, because one knows that in case of need the entire strength of the nation will protect it and back it up .....

..... I stated the basis of power to you.

We do not want to enlarge the area - in any case not by force. We cannot change the geographical situation. It is due to the limited area and the unfavorable geographical situation if we cannot produce all that we need on raw materials and food to satisfy our own requirements. Thus we also must suffer from the world economic crises which come about through no fault of ours. The dependancy on our environment means in any case a limitation of our self-determination. Therefore self-determiation - real freedem - is only possible hand in hand with self-sufficiency.

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Thus selfsufficiency can be secured by means of a colonial territory which comprises everything that may be deemed necessary. Of course such instruments of power must be provided that would be sufficient for the protection in case of emergency of all lines of approach to the colonies against an imaginary strong coalition of enemies. This is the basic cause of the significance of British sea power. The British Empire is strong in its entirety and the liberty of the British people is secure as long as England can maintain the connection between the homeland and her colonies.
As long as Germany on her part has no disposal over a strong economic territory, its freedom is not necessarily secure; it is not necessarily secure as long as its economy can be kept going only by importing essential raw materials through traffic-lanes, which can be blocked at any time by those with hostile feelings. The Economic Four Year Plan will bring Germany closer to self-sufficiency. The effect of this new plan would be equal to an enlargement of our territory and an improvement of our geographical position. The world should acknowledge that we do not secure our life and our freedom by force, but rather by the use of our minds and our power of organization.....

.....This applies, above all also to members of the organization abroad (Auslandsorganisation). At the central office in Berlin as well as within the groups abroad leaders are being acquainted with practical work in foreign duty. Quite a number of talented persons, who in the past years were constantly being used in a large part of the work of our official representatives abroad and thereby became acquainted with the official technique, would be able even at present to act in the field of foreign service. Some of them have already been taken over by the Foreign Service.
As in the homeland, the Germans abroad are also influenced in the National Socialist spirit by the National Socialist LANDESGRUPPEN and ORTSGRUPPEN of the NSDAP.

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They are being reeducated in the proud consciousness of their Germanism, for cooperation among themselves, and respect for each other... .... On this basis they succeeded in bringing together Germans abroad, often divided among each others.....

..... Regarding the spiritual changes that these people underwent, having secured a different viewpoint from which they regard everything, which may have any relation to it or to its state, they are bound to regard the outer forms in which the church manifests itself with a critical eye, and friction was bound to occur between the bearers of these forms and the living beliefs of the people. The people's belief remains unchanged during such struggles. No one in a leading position in the Reich, or leading in the Party would think of taking belief away from the Germans. Nobody knows better than the veteran fighters how much strength one can gain from blief in God during the most difficult hours. Nobody among the influential leaders of the NSDAP. thinks of taking belief away from a nation of soldiers, but nobody at all is so stupid as to deny the Almighty power. And just because of that we do not want that belief in the Higher should be chained to formalities which mean nothing to most of us, to rules of belief which are not compatible any more with revelations of our progress. We want to avoid, for the sake of deep, innermost belief in God that this should be set on the same level as the bearers bearing of an superficial ritual. We want to prevent weakening of the belief in God, at the time when in the rest of the world priests are being murdered, altars desecrated

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churches burned down, without punishment from God. We are convinced that our belief in God and our Christianity can withstand the heavy upheavals better than that of those who only too often hold to, the superficial formalities only.

We National Socialists of neighborly love, of the National Socialist Welfare (NSV) of the Winter Relief - organization (Winterhilfswerk), of the Christmas donations for millions of the poor, of the great, national community surmounting everything we hold ourselves to be better Christians than those who only too often hold the word Christ in their speech only.

And we do not think of establishing new churches - National Socialist churches, maybe. We render to the church that which belongs to the church, but we demand for our state that which belongs to our state .....

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Christmas Speech of the Deputy of the Fuehrer on 24 December 1937

..... The granite hard conviction that we want no war on our part and that we possess the power at all times to counter a threat united and strong, takes away from us Germans who do not feel any fear of war within us at all - also the fear of a daily direct warlike threat.

In this respect we know: the men and the women of the other great nations do not want war ! They also want peace, peaceful work and a constructive life.

The longing for peace of the capable and decent people of all civilized nations: this desire for peace is today one of the strongest guarantees of peace in Europe !

Also the comradeship of the combat veterans of the Great War which is continually growing more effective in its striving for the maintenance of peace, and the getting acquainted of the youth, whose fathers opposed each other in the field - both deprive the professional war mongers likewise more and more of their chances of success!

Out of the realization of the unyielding strength of a good peaceful will, of its own might and confidence in the leadership, the Christmas spirit of the German people is born at the end of the 5th year of National Socialist construction! The Christmas spirit of peace! .....

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From: Rudolf HESS, Speeches, Munich 1938

Pages 223, 227, 228, 243, 244,

System and Activity of the NSDAP.

Speech before the officer members of the National Political curriculum of the Armed Forces, delivered on 16 January 1937 in Berlin.

Pages 227 - 228

..... I have enumerated to you the fundamentals of power.

We do not want to enlarge the territory - not by force anyway. We are unable to change the geographical position. If we cannot produce within our own territory what we need in raw materials and food for covering our own requirements, then that must be ascribed to the too narrow territory and the unfavorable geographical position. This does not only indicate an economic-political weakness, but rather a dependency on the rest of the world. Thus we too must suffer under world economic crises which arise without any fault of our own. Dependency on the rest of the world signifies in any instance a limitation of our autonomy. Therefore autonomy - real freedom is possible only hand in hand with self-sufficiency. Thus self sufficiency may be secured by means of a colonial territory, which includes everything imaginably necessary. Of course all this necessitates instruments of power of such a kind that they are sufficient to protect all lines of approach to the colonies against an imaginary strong coalition of enemies in case of an emergency. This is the basic cause of the significance of British sea power. The British Empire is strong in its entirety and the liberty of the British people is secure as long as England can maintain the connection between the homeland and her colonies.

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As long as Germany on her part has no disposal over a strong economic territory, its freedom is not necessarily secure; it is not necessarily secure as long as its economy can be kept going only by importing essential raw materials thrpugh traffic lanes which can be blocked at any time by those with hostile feelings. The Economic Four Year Plan will bring Germany closer to self-sufficiency. The effect of this new plan would be equal to an enlargement of our territory and an improvement of sure geographical position. The world should recognize that we do not secure our life and our freedom by force, but rather by the use of our minds and

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our power of organization, If eternal pessimists do not believe it possible that the economy of our nation can be converted in the way it takes place according to the Four Year Plan if they doubt that the capital that has to be invested in the giant new factories and machine installations can be raised then I can only givetthem the following reply: It is no more difficult to bring six million people back to work and bread in a state facing economic ruin than it is to direct these people once they are already working, into different kinds of work; it is no more difficult to equip with the most modern weapons an army numbering millions than it is to establish new factories and new machines for productive purposes. Germany will secure its freedom economic politically just as it has secured its freedom militarily .....

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..... Much of what has been changed is already running in its new tracks, and much has assumed forms more fitting the times; much is still in the middle of conversion.

In the course of the spiritual change which the nation underwent the changed points of views with which it regards everything that has any connection whatsoever between itself and his state, it has become unavoidable that also the external forms in which clerical life takes place were critically observed and that friction resulted between the representatives of these forms and the living faith of the people. The faith of the people remains untouched by frictions of that kind. Nobody in the leadership of the Reich nor in the leadership of the Party thinks of depriving the Germans of their faith. Nobody realizes more than the combat veteran of the NSDAP what strength faith in God can lend a man in his most difficult hours. Nobody among the influential leaders of the NSDAP thinks of robbing this faith from a people of soldiers, and nobody at all is so stupid as to deny Deity. And just for this reason do we oppose that faith in the Almighty should be chained to forms which convey nothing to most of us, and to religious scriptures whichcannot be reconciliated any more with progressive knowledge. It is for the keeping up of the deep inner faith in God that we do not want Him placed on an equal status with the representatives of the external cult. We do not want the faith in God to waver, when in the rest of the world priests

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are being murdered, altars are being soiled, and churches are being burned down, without God ever appearing and punishing them. We are convinced that our faith in God and our Christianity will weather the heavy storms better than the faith in God and Christianity of those who only too often concern themselves with the formalities.

We National Socialists of the neighborly love, the NSDAP, the winter help fund (Winterhilfswerk), and the Christmas distribution of gifts for millions of the poor, the great national comradeship which overbridges everything, we consider ourselves better Christians than those, who only too often carry the word of Christ in their mouth only. And we do not even think of founding new churches - National Socialist churches, as it may be. We give to the churches, what is their due, but we demand for our State, what is our State's due.

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From Rudolf Hess speeches, Munich 1938

Pages 251, 253, 258

To the women of America.

Motion picture address to the women of America upon the American invitation, whose women leaders, as delegates of the women's organizations in the United States and Canada, appeared in March 1937 at the fourth women's congress in Chicago.

.....The more this understanding grows, however the greater is the hope that a world catastrophe, like the last great war, can be avoided in the future. And it is my most sincere wish, that you will needlessly discuss the question, which you have raised also before the congress, and which pertains to America's position in the event of another world war.

In many European countries, former frontline fighters are already in the government. Germany's leadership, in the overwhelming majority, consists of former frontline fighters. The leader, Adolf Hitler himself, is a frontline fighter; I too have stood at the front for four years.

Believe me: We frontline fighters have learned all the suffering of war.

Believe me: We frontline fighters do not want another war. We frontline fighters have only one wish, to save humanity from such misfortune in the future.

And for the sake of the maintenance of peace, the frontline fighters in the German government have taken the consequence, from the old realization, which only recently an English statesman expressed in these words: " A great nation and a weak nation at the same time is a threat to the world's stability and a temptation to the aggressor."

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Germany, however, does not desire to threathen the stability of the world and to be a temptation to the aggressor. Germany too "will throw her might into the scale for peace"...

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I believe that I evaluate the women of the American continent correctly if I am convinced that they too will exert their influence in order the spare tortured humanity another war. In this spirit above all, I send you greetings from the German people and wish success to your congress.

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Speech to the Party Members!

Pages 7,8,9,10,11

.....Above all, I shall have the gratitude of those who themselves have made the same observations or hear similar grievances and reproaches, wit! out having the possibility of exercising any influence over a certain sphere of action. We have witnessed the devasting effect of the appearance of certain past leaders, of whom the party had to rid itself mercilessly; another six months and the nation would have regarded the Party as a curse! Let us be thankful to ourselves for being the nation for whic the National Socialist movement exists, and which is only too glad to hav a leader whom it can respect and love.

All of us owe it to ourselves and especially to the Fuehrer to prevent within our sphere of action, as well as we possibly can, that the scarcely National Socialist actions of a certain minority endanger - in the long run - our reputation as well as that of the NSDAP leadership.

My fellow Party members! Do not restrain yourselves in combatting this minority - we shall christen them: the 10% Party members with the 10% attendance - to serious warnings, but treat these braggarts ("Angeber") - to use a Berlin expression - in the way they deserve it and in the way the people deal with them behind their backs.

Being convinced that all of you will be pleased - having a clear conscience - to hear it, I shall address this minority, in the manner people talk about them, a speech the contents of which however unfortunately not purely products of phantasy.

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My dear one hundred percent braggarts !

Always be conscious of the fact that you are representative of the Party which achieved victory solely through your efforts ! Wherever you go and wherever you are, always express that by your personal bearing. Never walk, but travel even the shortest distances between your house and your office by car. Show that you are master in the state by possibly sharp and inconsiderate driving. Make those who still do not notice you do so by blowing a possibly shrill horn. Do not return, or just with a flippant gesture, the respectful greetings to which you are entitled, of course, of all the passersby.

Emphasize your personality by driving in only the most expensive and striking cars: the people shall be happy to see you as respresentative as possible, and shall hail you when your "Cabriolet" is open and beautiful women surround you.

If during your essential speeding unfortunately a collision should occur, make it unmistakeably clear to the other party that as a simple citizen naturally he is, to be blamed. If the matter should have a continuation in court, you always have the possibility to "suitably" clear up the real situation with the police and the court. As far as repair expenditures are concerned, those are naturally borne by the party office. If necessary, raise an illegal forced contribution.

You should express the fact that in your office you do not burden yourself with trivialities, but always work in great outlines, by coming to your office as little as possible. It is much more important that you should be seen in public as often as possible, with a large following.

Bridge the contrasts to those who you suspect of having

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Bridge the contrasts to those whom you suspect having a different ideelogy by not letting any of their events pass without honoring them with your personal visit.

Take part in all feasts: you will then have an opportunity from time to time to return the favor with a similar feast. It is not practical to speak then about the misery of your people you can do that so much better at the next meeting.

Show that times have changed by frequenting first class establishments only, and that you principally hold it to be below your dignity to go occasionally to smaller restaurants that in the times of the fight were the homes of our veterans. They had at that time the honor to sacrifice their furnishings which were ruined by the communist Party(KPD) in its beerhall fights. Show the people that your are not at all against having fun. Show this especially at nights, when after plentiful consumption of noble wines you make your way home in cheerful company. It makes sleep so much sweeter to your fellow countrymen if in the early mornings in quiet streets they recognize the songs coming from the oh, so wonderfully sounding voices of your companions and yourself, and "Lore" follows the "Horst Wessel Song", and "Throw them out, the whole Jew-band" comes after "Deutschland, Deutschland ueber alles".

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Also at night the best chance presents itself to emphasize your authority over official organs of the state, when they warn you to be quiet, unless you have already reprimanded them when they reminded you of curfew-hous.

For reasons of proper representation you must obtain a grandiose villa that can be furnished in style with most expensive furniture. You - a full fledged 110 % man - won't have to pay anyway, for the time being. Everyone is proud to be your creditor for a long time. In case one of them would not fully appreciate this honor, just let your authority go to work in the proper manner; sometimes the use of Party stationery with the party letter head and seal is entirely sufficient.

If, at one time an old Party - member would succeed in approaching you through your high-class reserve, he shall surely be happy to see you represent his movement in such an honorable fashion. But as a rule shun these old Party-members wherever possible. They could remind you in a very painful way that you can thank your present importance to their fight. Do not surround yourself with the old Party member either. Much more convenient are the mew-comers, especially those who once stood in the ranks of the old opponents. They shall bear constant testimony to the fact that today they are just as yuurself, one hundred percent National Socialist, and that they would die of awe before their new masters. Surely in all their activities and decisions they shall represent the true spirit of National Socialism, just as they are most suited, out of deep convictions to care for old Party-members who do not as yet have work and bread.

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Talk about your office-problems with your wife, especially those of secret nature. She shall see to it that in all these questions live contact should be established with other fellow countrymen and especially with their wives.

You opinions about your colleagues and superiors are of interest to everyone, at all times.

Especially in regard to your wife it is always important for you to dress the priority of the Party in such a way that you obtain by all means a state position with corresponding title, on which your wife will lay great emphasis whenever you are being addressed.

Pictorially too it is much more favorable if at Party occasions your wife, evidently honored by all present, stands in the foreground as far as possible.

You yourself must also see to it that whenever you honor a locality by visiting it, the reception should be organized 100 %. Delegations must receive you far outside the village. And if it really would be impossible to have the bells toll, I should be easy for you to arrange on the occasion of your arrival the general flying of flags by your excellent organization and by suitable comments in the press.

The press should not be neglected at all in your striving for increased recognition. It is of great interest to all readers even far outside your narrower sphere to hear that you celebrate your 24th birthday and it is of special interest to everyone to read all the details of your meritorious services to the German people.

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Being talked about as much as possible, appearing in full glitter at every possible occasion, being feasted as often as possible - torchlight parades will give you the right light -, that causes true love for you on part of the people, that gives the foundation for real respect ! If there would still be some in the ranks of old Party-members who by sheer passion at grumbling would still criticize your efforts, designed to strengthen the authority of the party and yourself, at all costs, just remind yourself of concentration camps. Threaten with relief from Party offices or expulsion from the Party.

I believe, my fellow Party members, that each one of you has already someone in mind, on whom to exercise the contents of my sermon.

Seriously speaking: my fellow Party members, it is high time for us to relieve the NSDAP of these 110% subleaders. Those of the ones mentioned, who in the future are willing to take the Fuehrer's life as their example, may remain with us - may the others take the expression of their importance into more suitable surroundings . . . . .

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From: Rudolf HESS Speeches, Munich 1938.

Pages 195, 177, 178, 179

To the German Youth-Leaders

Excerpt from a speech to the Bann- and Jungbannfuehrer of the Hitler Youth and the German youth at the first Reichleader camp of the Hitler Youth at Braunschweig on 23 May 1936.

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..... The ideas which we are spreading must be examined from time to time in order to ascertain what results they actually have. They must be examined for the effect they have on practical living conditions. The ideas and the spiritual aspects must also be examined in this respect.

Thereby I think of a problem which has played and still plays a big part in the Hitler Youth, and that is the problem of religion. It would be presumptions and - let us say it openly - it would be stupid to hold the opinion that there should be nothing more beyond our earthly horizon. And it would be sad for Creation if Man, in all his weakness and all his "humane feeling", really were the crown of creation. The opinion, that only that exists which we can see and somehow at the moment can grasp and prove, is finally the opinion of the liberals - that is a materialistic viewpoint.

We oppose the materialistic viewpoint with our viewpoint that not mechanism, but the spirit rules the world. We are convinced that there is something else above our own spirit. Something that goes beyond everything which Man with his limited intellect can understand.

Belief in the existence of a higher power, of an almightiness, that is what we call religious feeling. But religious feeling is quite different from dogmatism. On the contrary, the deeper one's religious thoughts are the less he has to do with confessional formalities.

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But a true, deeply religious feeling is of great importance, particularly in time of need. This religious feeling, that we are referring to plays a decisive role in times of great need, when man is overcome by undeserved disaster, or sickness, or also, when a nation is challenged to a fight to the last, a fight for its existence.

We all hope that we may be spared from having to sacrifice once again precious blood and possessions. Unfortunately however that is not up to us alone. If ever we are attacked, if ever there must be a fight, then it is very essential whether these soldiers who meet the unbelievably difficult demands of a war, during a barrage of fire, during air-raids, when clouds of poisonous gases close in on them, when tanks roll towards them when from a human standpoint, they are in a hopeless situation, whether these soldiers can then cling to something higher, to somethingoof the higher world. Frontline fighters of the World-War know that always be aware of the fact that your responsibility in educating the youth of our nation is enormously difficult and great. You in particular are to convey to and to develop further in the youth the knowledge of our people. You more than the other leaders of the movement are participating, in the reformation of the coming nation, spiritually as well as physically, because you more than other leaders have young people before yourselves, those who are to grow up into a future age, into a future nation.

I know you have a difficult assignment. Always behave in a representative manner, always have more composure than others. But at the same time you have the most beautiful assignment. For it is the most beautiful task to be able to work so intensively for our youth and thereby for our future.

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Speech of the Deputy of the Fuehrer before the Officers of the German Armed Forces in Berlin on 19 January 1938

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..... I was originally requested to speak also before this group on the subject of "Character and activity of the NSDAP." Since however, my previous lectures on this subject has, in the meanwhile. been distributed in print to all pertinent offices of the armed forces, I have decided against dealing with it again, because in its general outline it would, by necessity, be a repetition. Instead I would like to deal more fully with a short paragraph of that particular speech.

At that time I described the fundamentals upon which the might of a nation rests, the Might as the most important factor for the preservation and strenghtening of a nation. I stated that the factors space. size, geographical location, advantages and disadvantages of the borders can not be changed or must not be changed - at least not by force. - - - - -

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Pages 99, 102, 103, 104, 119.

To foreigners of good will.

Speech by request of the German-Swedish Society 14 May 1938 in Stockholm.

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..... If I now make an attempt to paint you not only a picture of the new Germany, but also to show you the ideological and actual bases from which the new Germany grew, I have to go back a little in time to make you to understand the development of the new Germany psychologically.

National Socialism is rooted in war and is to be understood especially as a post-war phenomenon in Germany. It is rooted in war in as much as new ideas grew from the tremendous experiences of the combat soldiers, which are today the essential foundation of National Socialism.: sense of sacrifice, a heroic way of thinking, comradeship without class distinction.

The phenomena of decay, which already appeared during the war, were the foundation for National Socialism. The fact could not remain without effect on sound public opinion that, while out there at the front the best of the nation were bleeding to death, in the home country not only huge war profits but also shameless, crooked deals were made. It could not remain without effect, that while the combat soldier was willing to make the supreme sacrifice and millions out there laid down their lives, at home unscrupulous elements undermined the resistance of the people - undermineddit in favour of party interests and class interests.

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The insidious agitation from the inside and the pressure from the outside had to discharge themselves in a revolutionary manner, since the leadership of the people was not able to change the internal conditions and counterattack the pressure from the outside by influencing the soul of the people mentally.

I do not believe that you abroad could fully realize what consequences the so-called "Revolution" of 1918 had in Germany. Just as in the field of morals, black was changed into white, and white into black changed purposely by those who influenced the people after the revolt!
Like the virtues preserved by the state were jeered- cowardice as courage, courage as stupidity, heroic sentiment, were marked as "reactionary". Like readiness for sacrifice made laughable, the crassest egoism was given as a goal for the individual to pursue. The churches also were not in a position to command a halt of the decline from within.

Under the influence of the propaganda of the holders of power, the signing of agreements of almost deathly influence with a lack of instinct, as no one up to that date had held possible. Under the same influence the people submitted to the complete disarmament, yes even individual groups helped by the execution of the disarmament.

As an excuse I can only say that this people believed the sanctity of international promises, that the fourteen points of Wilson on the basis of which the people laid down their arms, met half-way the idealism in its so idealistic stamp, deep-rooted in the German people. The masses of the people could not believe, that sacred promise of the head of the state of one of the most respected countries on earth should simply be disregarded later, a promise which for the most part was taken as a basis for the peace negotiations of the adversaries of Germany at that time.

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Today no one can disput anymore that this fact was overlooked and I do not have to take up your time to prove this on basis of the individual points. The German people believed in the fourteen points, just as it believed in the promise of the treaty of Versailles, that after the self-disarmament of Germany, the other nations of the world would also demobilize. You know how these nations really demobilized.

The huge scandals of the Barmats, Kutisker, Sklarek and many others threw a spotlight onto the economic demoralization of that time but these were only the top performances of demoralization. The slowly noticeable consequences of the fulfillment of the peace agreement "to the lastdrop", and the inflation which was connected whit this, the self-supporting instict of the individual awakend by the impoverishment and misery, the urge to earn at any price advanced the further demoralization in the economic field.

It remains an unquestionable fact, that after 1918 many high positions in the State and in the economy of Germany were held by Jews some of whom have just immigrated and who could hardly talk the native language.

I myself was no anti-semite up to that time, but to the contrary, I protected the Jews against their enemies and t and their persecutors, on account of the prevailing doctrines of history. The facts of 1918 and later times were however so noticeable, that I had to become an anti-semite, as much as was against it inwardly, to my former conviction about the innocence of the persecuted Jewry.

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Page 104 National Socialist legislation has taken corrective measures against foreign influence. I say corrective, which is proved by the fact, that Jewry in National Socialist Germany was not exterminated ruthlessly, because to-day in Prussia alone industry and trade emply 33,500 Jews and commerce and communication 89,800 Jews, and furthermore, the facts prove that as only one per cent of the population in Germany are Jews, still 17,5 per cent of all lawyers are Jews, and for example that in Berlin still almost 50 per cent none Aryans are admitted to the medical practice for public insurance (Kassenpraxis)

Page 119 ..... As the Fuehrer himself has emphasized, Germany does not need to wage war to defend her honor of arms, since she has never lost it, and that a new war cannot improve the economic and political conditions which are the result of an earlier war, would lead to inevitably chaos, and this is the obvious thought of true peace! No war remedies the misery under which all nations suffer, but the realization that the cooperation of the nations must replace the strive of nations against each other.

May my proposal help to propagate these thoughts, may it present a small contribution ofor the understanding between nations by spreading understanding for the German people which is standing in the center of Europe. Then the purpose which I connected with my proposal, will have been achieved

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D E C R E E

In addition to the declaration of Reich Bishop MUELLER, according to which no minister incurs damage by the fact, that he does not belong to the confessional movement of the "German Christians", I decree:

No National Socialist shall be subject to disadvantages of any kind because he does not profess himself to a certain religious creed or confession, or because he does not profess himself to any confession at all. Faith is the innermost personal affair of every individual, for which he is responsible only to his own conscience. Compulsion of conscience must not be exercised.

Munich, 13 October 1933.

signed: Rudolf HESS.

From: Orders of the Deputy of the Fuehrer (2639-PS; 2787-PS)

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C I R C U L A R

For reasons of importance I am once more transmitting by request the following sentences.

Munich, 23 October 1937

The Chief of Staff of the Deputy of the Fuehrer:

signed/: M. BORMANN

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....."Now, I must also ask you to help maintain the inner attitude of the party in such a way that it will not only keep the confidence of the people, but that it will also gain it anew.

All of us must set our compatriotes an example of simplicity; everyone shall remain what he was before. I beg you to refrain from all honor ceremonies of a demonstrative nature. Not so many honor companies, above all no squadron in front and none in the rear. This does not have a favorable effect. This is not fitting for any of us. Neither do I see any reason for driving differently now than before. If, for fifteen years, I have sat in the front seat next to my Fuehrer, why should I now be seated in the rear? Whoever used to ride on horseback should ride now. However, he who did not ride before and does not know how to ride at all, why should he learn now how to sit on a horse? Therefore I request all of you: remain exactly how you have always been. The people will consider it much more highly, than if you suddenly now wanted to become something different!

It is absolutely necessary that the nation receives the impression from us, that we are men who have their value and their characteristics. Everyone shall have his characteristics, only he should refrain from changing. The nation will then consider his characteristics as the most important part of him and will say: These are real men; this is how they look, and this is how they are, and that is all there is to it!

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From: Orders of the Fuehrer's Deputy (2639-PS; 2787-PS)
(Anordnungen des Stellvertreters des Fuehrers)

Pages 33, 34, 35

DECREE

Until recently, again and again publicity for subscriptions of newspapers and magazines of the NSDAP has been carried out in a manner which is not in accord with my decrees and the orders of the President of the Reich Press Chamber (Reichspressekammer) and therefore not with the wishes of the Fuehrer.

The methods, approaching or equal to force subscription, are based on a liberal and incorrect interpretation of a sentence from the order of 13 December 1933 by the president of the Reich Press Chamber which reads as follows:

"The right of organizations to intervene in favor of the subscription of papers and Periodicals, remains untouched."

The decree gives every freedom of advertisement for subscriptions in a dignified manner but not the right of using force.

I point once more to the inadmissibility of advertising methods which have a semblance of force and the necessity of the strict execution of my decree and the order of the President of the Reich Press Chamber (Reichspressekammer) of 13 December 1933.

Forced advertising of any kind is inadmissible for papers of the NSDAP. A control of the subscription receipts is not permissible nor is it allowed to exclude party members from the NSDAP if they are not subscribing to a certain paper.

It is the will of the Fuehrer that the National Socialist press be read voluntarily by all fellow citizens (Volksgenossen) on the basis of its merits, and that they be not forced to subscribe. I emphasize specifically that the non-compliance of the repeated orders or their non-control through those responsible will from now on result in the expulsion from the NSDAP.

MUNICH, 10 January 1934

 Signed: RUDOLF HESS

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From: Orders of the Fuehrer's Deputy (2639-PS; 2787-PS)
(Anordnungen des Stellvertreters des Fuehrers)

Pages 56, 57, 58

CIRCULAR

I was informed time and time again that the participation in meetings is forced by means of an extensive control card system.

The NSDAP is an ideological organization built upon voluntary cooperation, voluntary obedience and responsible leadership whose members are ready to sacrifice more, to work more and to fight more than other fellow citizens.....

...The Fuehrer does not want to build up the new Germany on force but confidence and voluntary obedience.

I therefore prohibit the further use of control cards and expect from the insight of the responsible political leaders that they learn to recognize generally those elements which came into the movement out of selfishness and without the will for voluntary cooperation.

MUNICH, 19 July 1936

Signed: RUDOLF HESS

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ORDER

The deep political tensions of the world which in past times brought about heavy outbursts and uprisings, has led me to ask all leaders of the movement and all party members to use the utmost restraint in their public attitude regarding foreign political issues. Above all, they must desist from uttering anything that might insult or cause ill feelings among the other peoples and nations of the earth with which the German nation and her Fuehrer wish to live in peace and mutual respect. We must not repeat the mistake made by the old Germany; it is well known, for instance, that a single word used by the former Kaiser caused great damage to the relations between Germany and the Far East.

MUNICH, 20 October 1934

signed: RUDOLF HESS

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From: Orders of the Fuehrer's Deputy (2639-PS; 2787-PS)

(Anordnungen des Stellvertreters des Fuehrers)

Pages 103, 105, 106.

O [illegible] NO. 66/35

I.

The Foreign Organization of the NSDAP, was considered as a section of the Reichsleitung from the day it started in 1931 till the present time.

Since its numerical and organizational development was very favorable it was carried as a self supporting Gau like the Landgaue since 1 April 1935.

II.

a) It contains only party members who were Reichs citizens, just like the Landgaue and only those, who live permanently in a foreign country or who as sailors etc. [illegible] do not reside longer than one year continiously in Germany.

b) Party members who left their work on board of a ship and who were unemployed for at least half a year, are to be transferred to the competent Landgau....

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VI.

In reference to further work abroad, I decree the following in connection with my order of 20 Oct 1934:

1. Only, the Foreign Organization of the NSDAP, Berlin W 35, Tiergartenstr.4 is competent for the entire activity of the NSDAP in foreign countries. The leader of the Foreign Organization is responsible to me for all measures taken in foreign countries and Ocean navigation [illegible] and for all directives and instructions given to the foreign countries. The foreign political tasks of those party members, specifically charged with them by the Fuehrer or by me, by order of the Fuehrer, remain unaffected.

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2. The Leader of the Foreign Organization is responsible that the factual instructions of all competent authorities of the Reichsleitung are changed to a form appropriate for the individual authorities of the foreign countries, so that in any case damages or endangering of German interests in foreign countries are avoided.

VII

About the relationship of the German Labor Front (DAF) to the Foreign Organization and especially to its department oceanshipping, an agreement, taking into account the special conditions of the Foreign Organization, must be achieved by the participating organizations as soon as possible.

Munich, 15 April 1935

signed: Rudolf HESS.

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From: Directives of the Fuehrer's Deputy (2639-PS; 2787-PS)
(Anordungen des Stellvertreters des Fuehrers)

Pages 145, 146, 147

Decree No. 141/35

1. By the known Fuehrer-order of 25 July 1934 I received the right to take part in legislative work by the Reich Ministries.

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2. I perceive my legislative work as such that I advised my Commissioner for constitutional questions to consider always the opinions of experts in each legislative branch, and in cases where their expert opinion is of prime importance to assign the task to the individual experts. In the end the entire legislation of the state again centers in one point, that is in the decisive cabinet-meeting. The entire material of a cabinet-meeting can reach me from one place only through the Commissioner for constitutional questions. Therefore the experts commissioned with the direction must always work in close cooperation with the Commissioner for constitutional questions. Especially their attitude in regard to the corresponding minister must be discussed with the department for constitutional questions before the drafts are turned in.

5. For me it is important that the Reich Ministries should not get the impression that the interests of the Party are considered by various offices. On the other hand it is important that all the workers of the Party, who are rather plentifully available for the different tasks, should be drawn into the work. These are the two points of view from which legislation should be undertaken.

MUNICH, 10 July 1935

t/ Signed: RUDOLF HESS

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From: Orders of the Fuehrer's Deputy (2639 - PS; 2787 - PS)
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ORDER NO. 160/35

I request that all members of the party and members of Organizations of the Party be directed once more to comply strictly with my order 63/35 of 11 April 1935.

A reason to resort to individual action against Jewish provocators exists even less, since the party has not changed its fundamental attitude to the Jewish question and will not change it.

The existence of the National Socialist state can never be endangered by Jewish provocators, it rather depends solely on the firm roots which our world ideology has gained throughout the entire people and besides all the other virtues, which the Fuehrer expects from a National Socialist, it depends above all on the unconditional discipline of the individual.

Whoever permits himself to be instigated to individual action against provoking Jews in spite of my prohibition, will have to take all the consequences arising from it himself.

Munich, 2 August 1935

The Chief of Staff of the Fuehrer's Deputy.

signed: M. BORMANN